

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON
MONDAY 15th OCTOBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT:	Councillors:	D. Atkins	R. Eastley Vice chairman, in the Chair
		J. Bailey	A. Garratt
		Mrs D. Beatty	R. Longhurst
		C Carter	Mrs T Scott

Also Present: District Councillor B Ingham Mr Tony Priest, Head Teacher, Mr Jon Sharpe DCC Education Buildings Team and 17 members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllrs P. Acca and D. Young

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Morris repeated his concern at the tone of the article about the Village Shop and reported inaccuracy of the article about land to the rear of his property, in the last Lympstone Herald. He objected to publication of details of some SHLAA sites and to the publication of names of people making comments.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the article about the Shop was an accurate record of comments made at the meeting which was quite feisty.

Mrs Squire expressed thanks to Judith Carter and her Friends for the work that had been done to the Flower Beds at the junction with Meeting Lane.

117 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Bailey and Eastley reported that they may have interests in matters that were being considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED: that if Cllr Eastley has to leave the room, Cllr Atkins take the chair.

118 Proposed expansion of Lympstone Primary School

Mr Priest explained that DCC had agreed to a major building programme that would include acquisition of the Church Rooms, demolition, and building two new permanent classrooms on the site of the Church Rooms. The latest temporary classroom had a limited planning permission for 18 months during which time the work would be carried out.

The proposed expansion allowed for seven classes of 30 pupils each, giving a total roll of 210.

At the moment there were 32 applications from the Parish for twenty-five places.

Cllrs Atkins and Longhurst had attended the public meeting when the proposals were explained. It seemed that the proposed number of 210 would be the final number for Lympstone but as the number of young children was increasing across Exmouth, then it was possible that a new school would be required or an existing school may have to double in size.

Mr Priest also explained that over the next few years, the number of pupils from outside the parish would reduce to none as places were taken by children from Lympstone.

Mr Priest was not aware of any plans to increase the number of staff at CTC-RM but if a member of the Armed Forces moved into the area, they now had the right to request a place at the school, which could not be refused.

Cllr Garratt pointed out that the Draft Local Plan provided for 40 – 50 new homes for Lympstone over the next 14 years and wondered how this might affect the School.

Mr Priest suggested that the normal calculation was for 1 primary school child for every three houses and so there could be around 15 new places to be found.

Mr Priest was asked to provide a statement for the Neighbourhood Plan to this effect and the Clerk was asked to make a request for this setting out the areas to be covered.

119 Minutes

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

120 Planning applications

12/2126/FUL & 2128/LBC Construction of single storey rear extension, dormer to rear elevation, internal and external alterations at Kilrush, Underhill.

RESOLVED: that EDDC be informed that the Parish Council objects to the size of the proposed dormer window as it is out of scale with the remainder of the building and may result in the loss of a considerable amount of fabric of this listed building, but has no objection to the other aspects of this application.

121 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Longhurst gave a visual presentation regarding the process adopted by the Neighbourhood Plan WP in assessing sites, the housing site assessments and proposals for public meetings and exhibitions on 23rd and 24th November 2012.

The Working Party had identified six sites that had the potential to be developed and all were within the current building line.

These were:

Lympstone House, Jacksons Meadow (two sites), Higher Orchard, the Old Rectory and land off Longmeadow Road.

Ten other sites had been identified which had the potential to be developed but were outside the building line. These included Paynes Cottage where the interest was for one dwelling and the use of land for car parking., Frogs Meadow, land behind Underhill Crescent (at this point Cllr Eastley left the room and Cllr Atkins took the chair.), land behind Underhill Close, land behind Town Dairy and land at Lympstone Nursery, not the whole site but the polytunnels and some land to be dedicated to community use.

The SHLAA list had not yet been received from EDDC and this could affect the sites under consideration. The following sites were previously included on that list:

The land off Meeting Lane was the subject of a planning application for 15 dwellings but had been forward into the SHLAA process for 80 dwellings.

Land between the A376 and Strawberry Hill had also been put forward into the SHLAA process by the owners for 80 dwellings.

The former Nursery and the former garage site at Courtlands Lane were expected to be rejected as they were away from the village centre. Land to the north-west of Courtlands Lane was still shown as a potential SHLAA site on EDDC list but it was expected that this would be removed. Land at Marley Drive had been included on the SHLAA list but it was expected that this would be removed as it was away from the village centre.

Land at Goodmore's Farm was likely to remain as it was linked with developments in Exmouth.

Land to the North of Meeting Lane was in Woodbury Parish and they had rejected it, as being away from the village centre.

The Working Party had looked at each site in turn and had carried out the scoring process that had

been agreed at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Longhurst, with Cllr Garratt and District Cllr Ingham explained how average points were obtained for each site so that where members of the Working Party had not voted, the average was taken over those who had voted.

A sustainability assessment was needed for each site.

It was pointed out that this process needed to be robust as it would be vetted by EDDC and by any Inspector.

Cllr Atkins informed the meeting of the outcome of an appeal against refusal of a planning application at Feniton, where the inspector had said that not only must EDDC keep a land bank of developable site to meet demand for a five-year period but these must be a tolerance of 20% to allow developer choice in any area. Cllr Ingham concurred and suggested that the figure for Lympstone should remain at 40 for the moment and see if EDDC decided upon any changes. The closing date for new submissions by owners had passed today.

RESOLVED 1 that the work of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Party in relation to SHLAA sites and the housing section of a Neighbourhood Plan be fully endorsed.

(Cllr Garratt left the meeting at this point)

2 that the process leading to identifying a priority list of housing sites be endorsed.

3 that the priority list as put forward by the Neighbourhood Working Party be supported with no changes.

4 that arrangements be made for the list, with the analysis and a feedback form be presented to the community at public meetings on 23rd and 24th November 2012 in the Village Hall

5 that the priority list and the list of the other 10 sites together with the results of the analysis be published on the village website.

6 that EDDC be requested to extend the closing date for responses to the SHLAA process to the end of the first week in December and subject to this, the results of the public consultations be considered at the first ordinary meeting in December.

122 Car Parking in the Village.

The Council gave preliminary consideration to the suggestion of imposing parking prohibition on parts of Church Road and School Hill. This will be considered further as part of the wider debate on car parking if and when EDDC offer the Underhill car park to the Parish Council.

Cllr Atkins pointed out that tonight, with various activities including those at the Church, the Village Hall car park and the new extension were full and so there was a demand for parking on School Hill. He suggested a compromise solution to restrict parking to evenings and weekends. He also reported that EDDC had approved overtime for the Civil Enforcement Officers to work in the evenings to deal with problems.

Mrs Russell pointed out that parking on School Hill helped to contain the speed of vehicles. If there was a complete ban, there could be an increased risk for cars being driven too fast for the area.

Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that for much of the day the Village Hall car parks and School Hill were fairly clear but there was a great problem at dropping off and picking up times.

Mr Mildenhall said that the main concern for the VHMC was safety of children and access for deliveries. A part-time restriction was a minimum requirement.

Cllr Mrs Beatty also pointed out that weekend football caused great problems at the village hall and on Burgmanns Hill.

It was AGREED that this matter would be considered again.

123 Content of Herald Articles

The Council gave consideration to the content of articles from the Parish Council after this was raised at the last meeting.

Cllr Mrs Scott felt that the article regarding the Shop did not reflect the tone of the meeting and there were factual errors.

The Clerk enquired whether another Councillor might like to write the articles but the Council AGREED that this should rest with the Clerk.

124 Remaining Business

The remaining business was deferred due to the lateness of the hour.

The meeting finished at 9.35pm

Chairman